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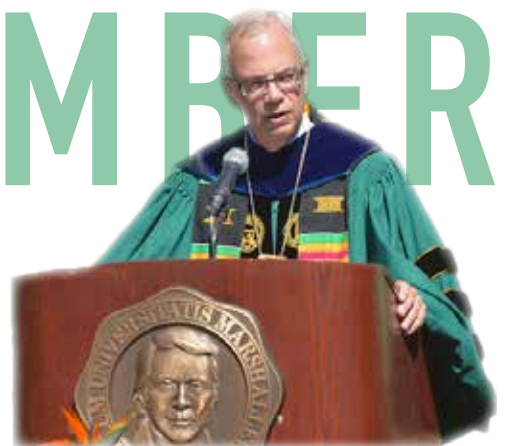
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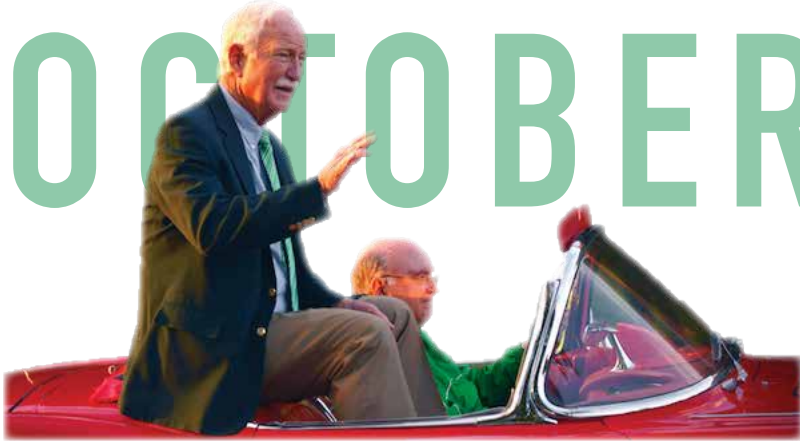
< Sept. 10
The Green Machine was unveiled on campus. The bus comes from a partnership with TTA.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 23 >
Jerome Gilbert was invested as president of Marshall University.



OCTOBER



< Oct. 13
Red Dawson returned to Huntington to act as grand marshal for the homecoming parade.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 8 >
Donald J. Trump defeated Hillary Clinton to be elected as president of the United States.



JANUARY

Jan. 21 >
Members of the Marshall community participated in the Women's March in Charleston.



< Jan. 26
Officials from the city of Huntington announced 24 employees from the police and fire departments would be cut to address the city's budget shortfall.

FEBRUARY



< Feb. 27
Naloxone training began on campus to certify members of the Marshall community.

MARCH

March 10 >
Herd men's basketball made its first Conference USA championship game since 2012.



< March 16
Matt Jarvis and Emily Kinner were re-elected for a second term as student body president and vice president.



April 19 >
Huntington was named "America's Best Community" and won a \$3 million prize.

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HERDZONE
Mary Zulauf in a mid distance event at High Point University March 17. The Thundering Herd had two first place finishes and broke a school record.

Student athletes sprint through Dead Week

By **PATRICK O'LEARY**
THE PARTHENON

The most stressful time of the year is upon Marshall University students; dead week and finals week. For most students, this is already an incredibly tough time. For student-athletes, add in games, meets, practices and training and the time is only tougher.

The weekend in between the dead and finals week has competition for three different sports teams at Marshall, in fact the only three teams still in season. The baseball team travels to Norfolk, Virginia for a three-game series with Old Dominion. The softball team will be in Murfreesboro, Tennessee for a series against Middle Tennessee. The track team will compete in the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

"April and May are the heart of the track season," junior track runner Samantha Grafius said. "So this time of year is extremely stressful because we have to not only focus on performing well. We have to keep up with our rehab to prevent injuries, which requires extra time in the training room. It's also important that we are eating right and sleeping enough, which is not ideal for a student during finals week."

The three teams still competing are no strangers to travel. Between meets, non-conference and conference games and series taking place all over

the East Coast, the teams are conditioned to travel.

The track and field has spent four of the past five weekends on the road, traveling to different states such as Ohio, Florida, North Carolina and Virginia.

The baseball team traveled midweek to Morehead, Kentucky and has spent nearly every weekend since late February playing baseball. The team has spent nights in Florida, Alabama and Mississippi over the past month.

The softball team has spent recent weekends in Virginia, Florida, Mississippi and North Carolina. Much like the baseball team, the softball team has been going nearly nonstop since February.

"With practice and games means less time to study for finals, but it really hasn't been that stressful because we're used to it," sophomore softball player Abigail Estrada said. "Since the beginning of February, we've been traveling, had practice before class and missed class for our games so we have had to get ahead on our assignments and tests. It's something we've managed to do since the season began."

The three teams still in season will still compete after school is out, with the Conference USA Championships for track, baseball and softball each occurring in mid to late May.

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Track and Field partakes in prestigious Penn Relays

By **PATRICK O'LEARY**
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University track and field team prepares for no ordinary meet this weekend, which began Thursday. The team will send athletes to the oldest and largest track and field meet in the United States for the 123rd annual Penn Relays at Franklin Field in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

"This is an exciting week for all our kids, especially our runners," head coach Jeff Small said. "This is like the Super Bowl of track and field. There will probably be 20,000 people in the stands Thursday, another 30,000 Friday, and 40,000 Saturday. We'll get

to see a bunch of Olympians, world champions and great teams. We're really excited."

Last year, Marshall earned a victory in the 4x100 meter relay in the college division. The team of Kametra Byrd, Shanice Johnson, Asia Bange and Hope Julmiste ran an impressive time of 46.25 seconds to take the win. Additionally, top-10 finishes came from Antonique Butler, who finished sixth in the triple jump and Heidi Heiniger, who finished ninth in the javelin throw.

This year, the team is scheduled to send relays in the 4x100 meter relay, 4x400 meter relay, 4x800 meter relay, distance medley relay and shuttle hurdle relay. The

team is also scheduled to send 11 individual qualifiers, including sophomores Elena Marchand and Hasana Clark who are scheduled to compete in multiple events. Marchand is scheduled to compete in both the shot put and discus, Clark in the shot put and hammer throw.

One of the top competitors this season for the Herd has been Alexis Montes. The graduate student currently sits at the top of Conference USA in the javelin throw with her mark of 164 feet, 2 inches (50.03 meters). That throw was also good enough to break the Marshall school record in the javelin throw in her first competition for the Herd. Montes

is scheduled to compete in the javelin throw championship Thursday 6:45 p.m.

"It's an honor to me that I will be in competition alongside these athletes," Montes said. "I'm excited and looking forward to represent Marshall at this prestigious meet."

The meet began Thursday with Marshall's first scheduled competitors being sophomore Sarah Bever and freshman Torie Derrow in the high jump at 10 a.m. The meet runs all day Thursday through Saturday, with Marshall's competitors competing throughout the three days.

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XOXO,
Michael Brown

By MICHAEL BROWN
ONLINE EDITOR

I cannot believe I finished my last class of undergrad today. Holy shit. This is real life. Next Saturday, I will walk across the stage with my classmates and finally obtain my B.A. in Public Relations and Advertising with a minor in Marketing. I am so overwhelmed with emotions right now. I am happy. I am scared. I am proud. I finally did it. I pushed through.

All through college, I was asked what made me come to Marshall. You're five and a half hours from home; why Marshall?

To be honest, I never really had an answer. I knew one thing: I had zero interest in going to WVU. No, thank you. I knew I wanted to go far for college, but at the same time, I wasn't really ready to leave the state. Let me tell you, that has since changed. I'm ready to see the world. I can't wait to move and to begin the next chapter of my life.

I came to Marshall not knowing much about public relations. I thought I wanted to go into journalism until my best friend since the seventh grade, Donyelle, recommended I look into public relations. I admire Donyelle in many ways, from her ability to excel in academics to her strong work ethic. I have learned so much from her over the years. I refrain from indulging her because, as close friends already know, her ego is as big as her derriere.

I am so thankful for her bringing me into the J-School. I have grown personally and professionally. I have also made professional connections that

will assist me in the future as I tackle the job market. I also want to thank Huntington, as unorthodox as you are, you forced me to become a more independent person and for that I am grateful.

I'm not just reciting a slogan when I say I made the best decision ever, I truly believe it. The friendships I've gained and memories I've shared here will last a lifetime. I am proud to be a son of Marshall University. It's not everyday one can say that they go to a university where the faculty and staff truly care about you as a student and want to see you go far and succeed in life.

I'm sure that you probably want to know what's next for me? Well, your guess is as good as mine. I can tell you a few things, I'm going to enjoy my life, pursue my MBA, and bust my ass to find the job of my dreams.

While all that sounds great, the one thing I am most excited about is finally being able to have some free time to read, blog and have some fun. I plan to relocate to Philadelphia by the end of the summer, or as soon as humanly possible. Wherever life may take me, I want to be happy. I want to work for a place where I have the opportunity for growth and don't have to wear a suit and tie everyday. I want to be able to be express myself and leave the "xoxo Michael Brown" effect any and everywhere I go.

As my graduation cap says, "Veni, Vidi, Vici." I came, I saw, I conquered.

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EDITORIAL

Innovation challenge
showcases W.Va.'s potential



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(From left) Intuit CEO Brad D. Smith, actress and philanthropist Jennifer Garner and NFL superstar Chad Pennington judge Marshall students' ideas to improve the Mountain State Wednesday during Intuit's Innovating for Impact Design for Delight Innovation Challenge.

Wednesday's Innovating for Impact Design for Delight Innovation Challenge refrained from the negativity and hopelessness West Virginians are so used to hearing about their state, choosing instead to put the positive potential of the Mountain State and its residents on a pedestal for the world to see.

The Innovating for Impact challenge, sponsored by Intuit and held in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse, featured groups of Marshall students in a "Shark Tank"-style competition, going head to head to see which groups had developed the best solutions to some of the state's biggest problems, including substance abuse, education and new technologies for the state.

The panel of judges was a star-studded affair, featuring actress and philanthropist

Jennifer Garner, NFL superstar and alumnus Chad Pennington and Intuit CEO and Marshall alumnus Brad D. Smith. The three celebrities were a visual reminder of the state's past success stories as well as its ongoing possibilities.

The real stars of the competition, however, were the ideas developed and presented to the judges by Marshall students. The three finalists developed an app to help those struggling with substance abuse, a virtual reality simulation to deter high school students from using drugs and a mobile STEM kit teachers can use to introduce students to new fields of interest.

The ideas created by the teams are West Virginia-centric, addressing the most pervasive issues within the state: drug addiction and an economy suffering from a

lack of diversification. These are often issues that send the state's best and brightest packing, searching for greener pastures in states with more promising social and economic environments.

But the Innovating for Impact challenge showed what could become of West Virginia if the state's most forward thinking individuals decided, instead, to invest their knowledge and capabilities into improving the state rather than abandoning it.

For Garner, these ideas represented the abilities of West Virginians to perform just as well as students from anywhere else, a trait not commonly seen by those outside of the Mountain State.

"Anytime that we can shine a light on the positive in this state, we have to do it," Garner said. "We have to stand on the soapbox and celebrate our stu-

dents. We have to celebrate our beauty, and we have to celebrate our innate talent and passion."

While it may often seem like all is lost in the Mountain State, events like these demonstrate why it is important to encourage educational opportunities that will enable the state's younger generations to tackle the state's most difficult issues.

Huntington may be considered the drug overdose capital of the United States by onlookers and West Virginia may be in the bottom tier of many lists ranking states on their best and worst qualities. But Wednesday's event showcased the importance of positivity and progressive solutions created by West Virginians for West Virginians, two components that can make this city and this state a better place for everyone.

SENIOR COLUMN

Giving voices to the voiceless
through writing

By KARIMA NEGHMOUCHE
SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

If you would have told me that my post-graduation plans were moving to Kentucky to write for a media company that publishes fitness magazines while getting my masters from West Virginia University, I would've laughed and said "no way."

I never had any intentions on being a writer. Did I like to write? Sure, I liked to write, but I didn't think I'd make a career out of it — that is, until I took what is often seen as the dreaded newswriting class. I went in the first day with a notebook full of story ideas and that's when I realized I loved journalism. How cool is it, that for a profession, you get to meet and talk to new people who are doing cool things and then write their stories?

I want to tell everyone's story, including mine. I wrote about people who traveled the world, people who opened up local

businesses, people who survived illnesses. It was inspiring, to say the least.

Writing got me through a lot. It's my passion and it's my therapy. My sophomore year, when I was writing for The Parthenon, one of my friends was murdered. I was heart-broken and I sat there, looking at an empty Word document, trying to figure out a story to write for the day. I just started writing. I wrote about my friend, I wrote about our memories and then I turned it in. I didn't expect it to get published or to get any recognition.

The next day, I got a message from his family members, thanking me for sharing the memories, saying how much it helped them. I've always wanted to help people. A lot of my family is in the medical field and I've always admired them because they get to help people every day. But me, a writer? How was I supposed to help?

That's when I realized my writing gave

me an opportunity to give voices to those who may feel voiceless. It gave me an opportunity to document memories and stories that hold close to people's hearts. It gave me an opportunity to give hope to people and shine a light in their lives in their darkest times.

Since then, I've tried to focus my writing on social issues. I've written about sexualizing breast cancer, stigmas on mental health, stereotypes on the Islamic faith, sexual assault and so many issues that may not be recognized as often or as thorough as they should.

I am so thankful for The Parthenon and the freedom it's given me to express my (very often controversial) thoughts and views. Thanks for letting me be an editor and represent the newspaper, and thanks for helping me find my passion.

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All Wednesday (only) afternoon classes, those meeting at 3:00 p.m. and after, will be examined Wednesday, May 3.

Saturday classes will be examined April 29 at their regularly scheduled class period.

The common final exam time and date for all sections of CHM 111, 205, 211, 212, 355, and 356 will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 29.

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Justice makes announcements concerning higher education



Marshall President Jerry Gilbert and WVU President Gordon Gee show their support of House Bill 2815 as they join Gov. Jim Justice as he signs the bill into law.

By KYLEE HURLEY
THE PARTHENON

Gov. Jim Justice has made announcements this week concerning numerous bills and a special session after vetoing the budget bill in April.

Justice has been reviewing much of the legislation passed from regular session and has recently considered educational bills that could affect the state.

House Bill 2815 was a bill suggested by the governor and is summarized on the West Virginia Legislature website as a bill “relating to higher education governance.”

According to a press release issued by the governor, HB 2815 will grant “greater freedom and flexibility” to the larger higher education institutions around the state, including Marshall University and West Virginia University.

Marshall President Jerry Gilbert and WVU President Gordon Gee showed their support of the legislation as they joined Justice as he signed the bill into law.

“It is a momentous day for higher education in West Virginia. We now have more flexibility to grow and transform thanks to HB 2815,” Gee said in a statement on his Twitter page.

Gilbert also weighed in and shared his support of the signing of the bill. “We appreciate the legislature and Governor Justice’s support of this bill to support excellence in higher education,” Gilbert said in a release.

The bill overwhelmingly passed in both the House and the Senate when both took the bill up for consideration, as shown by the West Virginia Legislature website.

HB 2815 is not the only bill that has been taken up for consideration by the governor after the legislative session.

He has been signing numerous bills into law, while also vetoing bills as well.

Justice recently considered another educational bill, HB 2589, that he decided to veto.

HB 2589 is summarized on the West Virginia Legislature website as, “Permitting

students who are homeschooled or attend private schools to enroll and take classes at the county’s vocational school.”

While the governor has been considering the bills passed from session, there has also been much discussion about the budget of West Virginia.

After the recent veto of HB 2018, also known as the “Budget Bill,” it became clear there would be a special session in the near future to discuss the budget of the state.

Justice has recently announced the West Virginia Legislature will reconvene for a special session May 4.

Justice issued a press release making the announcement, and relayed a message of what he expects for West Virginia when considering a new budget plan.

“We have the chance to put West Virginia on a pathway to prosperity in a bipartisan way. The budget can’t just kick the can, it’s got to bring opportunity, hope, and jobs to our people,” Justice said in his release.

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Hair from the Herd marks tenth year of donations

By ALEXIS LEACH
THE PARTHENON

The WMUL-FM staff marked their 10th year of Hair from the Herd Thursday on the Memorial Student Center plaza.

Hair from the Herd is an annual event held by WMUL-FM radio staff. They take donations of hair if it is long enough, along with monetary donations if someone just wants a trim.

“The point of Hair from the Herd is to get donations from the students of Marshall University and people from the community. If people have at least eight inches of hair, they can donate that and we can send it to the Children with Hair Loss organization for them to make wigs, so kids can feel a little better about themselves,” said promotions director of WMUL-FM, Rashard Walker. “It’s our 10th annual event,” said Adam Rogers, WMUL executive director. “We have partnered with Locks of Love in the past, but wanted to change it up, because Locks of Love made kids pay for it. We are now partnering with Children with Hair Loss for the second year. They give it totally free of charge to kids that are dealing with illness causing them to lose their hair.”

News staff member Brian Leonard said, “It is something simple that anyone can do, you grow hair. Most people get it cut anyways, so why not give it to a good cause?” This year’s event was in partnership with the Paramount Beauty Academy out of Portsmouth, Ohio. This was their second year providing the haircuts. “They called, and we came up last year and the students really, really enjoyed it,” instructor Vickie Hamilton said. “They loved being up here and cutting hair.” The staff from Paramount Beauty School said they want to participate in this event for years to come. “For one, they are donating the hair for cancer patients, a good cause,” Hamilton said. “For people with these types of diseases, wigs are very expensive and this just helps.” Sheila Parker, another instructor, said, “Our students really do love to do this.” Rogers credits a lot of this event to the volunteers. “We can never have enough volunteers,” Rogers said. “Without our volunteers and staff, events like this do not happen. We need help because it really is important to give back to our community.”

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organization’s annual reports, raised \$1 million for its affiliate organizations and internal community initiatives in 2012 and raised at least \$900,000 dollars in 2013 and 2014. According to Gilliam, the final disbursement of funds from these fundraising years was \$715,353 in 2012, \$550,311 in 2013 and \$583,474 in 2014.

Gilliam said United Way of the River Cities is still in its fundraising year for 2016 and has not yet reached its fundraising goal. She said United Way of the River Cities has changed its fundraising tactics over the years, one of which has been developing a strategy to attract individual donors and holding fundraising events, along with continuing to pursue its workplace campaign.

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Free Your Footwear fits families

Students and friends redistribute shoes to those in need



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Boys from the Children's Village in Modjadjiskloof, in the Limpopo province of Africa holding up donations from Free Your Footwear.

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Isaac Cosby was sitting with a friend one

day when he came to a realization. He realized that while he had a lot of shoes he never wore anymore, there were many people in the world

forced to go barefoot, despite their living conditions and extreme need for shoes.

"People in certain parts of the world don't have shoes at all, they just basically go barefoot," Cosby said. "We noticed we had a lot and other people didn't have any."

Cosby started off small-scale in August 2016, collecting unused shoes from friends, cleaning them and attempting to reach out to people who needed them. He and his friends, in cooperation with his church, expanded their efforts by reaching out to the community through local drives and social media. Cosby decided to make his organization official and, thus, Free Your Footwear was started.

Free Your Footwear is a charity organization centrally located in South Charleston and is a branch of Bridge Ministries, Inc. The organization's goal is to cooperate with local, domestic and international organizations to collect lightly used and new footwear to redistribute to in-need families and individuals around the world. Cosby says he aims to extend his help as far as possible and to as many in-need people as possible.

To help extend his reach to college campuses, Free Your Footwear linked up with the Marshall University Hackers for Charity to collect shoes at the Memorial Student Center Jan. 3.

MU Hackers for Charity is a branch of Hackers for Charity International, created by former professional hacker turned philanthropist Johnny Long. They aim to put the advanced computer and technological skills of its members to good use, raising money to assist Hackers for Charity International as well as people in the Huntington community.

Though they had a table set up in the lobby, Cosby decided to go a step further, communicating and engaging himself with passing students.

He handed out cards and started conversations with people to give them a sense of what his charity organization is all about.

Cosby has also worked with other West Virginia based organizations, such as the Open Arms Foundation located in Cross Lanes. The Open Arms Foundation reaches out to and aids poverty-stricken and abandoned children in foreign countries that offer little to no assistance. Just this month, Free Your Footwear collaborated with Open Arms Foundation and shipped shoes to children internationally.

"Free Your Footwear has helped provide shoes for children who live on the streets of Medellin, Colombia," said Michael Perrow, project coordinator and communications liaison at Open Arms Foundation. "Also, they have provided shoes for refugees who are young girls ages 7-15 in Medellin that have escaped the armed conflict in the country's interior."

As well as helping others by providing shoes, Cosby and his organization also offer up guidance, mentoring and opportunities for younger people to get involved with helping others in need. Young boys from Bridge Ministries often help Cosby clean and package the shoes donated to Free Your Footwear.

Cosby says he is proud of the work his organization has been able to accomplish so far and has no plans of slowing down his efforts any time soon as he continues to build connections with local and national organizations and provide shoes to those who need his assistance.

"We've sent over 400 pairs to different parts of the world: South Africa, Columbia, Haiti," Cosby said. "So it's been good."

Cosby said he hopes to return to Marshall University in the future.

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